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REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 1, 4, 7-9, and 17 are currently being amended.

This amendment adds, changes, and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

I. Claim Objections.

In section 1 of the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claim 17 because claim 17 refers to "a joystick coupler" at line 11 and refers to "a joypad coupler" at line 12. The Examiner stated that different terminology is being used for the same coupler. The Examiner suggests that "joystick coupler" is better terminology since the joystick, or portion of stylus is what is being received by the coupler.

Applicants have respectfully followed the suggestion of the Examiner and amended the claim to recite a "joystick coupler" instead of a "joypad coupler". Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 17 and its dependent claims are in condition for allowance.

II. Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102.

In section 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Martin et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,563,487. Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 1 has been amended to recite "wherein the integrated input device includes a receptacle for coupling a graspable portion thereto, the input device providing input signals based on movement of the graspable portion when the graspable portion is coupled in the receptacle." Martin et al. does not disclose or teach an input device providing input signals based

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on movement of the graspable portion when the graspable portion is coupled in the receptacle. Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 1 and its dependent claims are therefore allowable.

III. Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103.

In section 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 4-6 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Martin et al. for the reasons that claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102, in view of Park et al., U.S. Published Application No. 2002/0103616. The Examiner stated that Martin fails to teach that the integrated input device includes a receptacle for coupling a graspable portion thereto. However, the Examiner cites Park as teaching a receptacle for coupling a graspable portion thereto. Applicants respectfully submit that as amended independent claim 1 recites "a receptacle for coupling a graspable portion thereto, the input device providing input signals based on movement of the graspable portion when the graspable portion is coupled in the receptacle. Park however does not teach that input signals are based on the movement of the graspable portion when the graspable portion is coupled in the receptacle." The stylus in Park only provides an input when the stylus has either been removed or when the stylus has been put into the receptacle, not based on movement of the graspable portion when the graspable portion is coupled in the receptacle. Accordingly, independent claim 1 and its dependent claims including claims 4-6 are therefore allowable.

In section 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 9 and 12-15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kikinis, U.S. Patent No. 5,790,100, in view of Carroll, U.S. Patent No. 6,043,807. The Examiner indicated that the preamble mentions a joystick device, however, the body of the claim does not breathe any life into the preamble mention of a joystick as to what is its purpose of the joystick in the invention. Accordingly, the Examiner indicated that due to the breadth of the claim, the word joystick is not given any weight.

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Applicants have amended independent claim 9 to recite "a coupler integrated into the input device configured to couple at least a portion of the stylus to the input device to form a joystick." Accordingly, Applicants have explicitly recited "joystick" in the body of the claim and therefore the references of Kikinis and Carroll are not applicable to claim 9 because neither discloses, teaches or suggests a joystick as recited in independent claim 9. Thus, independent claim 9 and its respective dependent claims are therefore allowable.

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

Respectfully submitted,

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